



## **News from the Shelby County Mayor's Office**

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### **Shelby County Corrections Center Recommended For State Certification**

The Tennessee Corrections Institute (TCI) says the Shelby County Corrections Center has passed inspection for its annual certification by the State of Tennessee.

**“We are pleased to be recommended for certification. It indicates our commitment to ensure inmates and staff are kept as safe and secure as possible,”** said James E. Coleman, Director of the Shelby County Corrections Center.

The Shelby County Corrections Center was initially inspected earlier this year. In March, inspectors called for better recordkeeping of sanitation and maintenance issues, the development of an inmate mattress disinfections log and better documentation of inmate security checks.

An April 27<sup>th</sup> follow-up inspection showed the improvements were made. Inspectors also noted additional plans to improve operations at the prison at 1045 Mullins Station Road:

1. Limiting inmate commissary supplies
2. Conducting report writing and record documentation training classes for officers
3. In June, the hiring of 33 corrections officers
4. Seeking approval to hire 45 additional officers to increase security and control overtime and absenteeism costs

The Shelby County Corrections Center will officially receive annual TCI certification June 6th at the TCI Board of Control meeting in Nashville.

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